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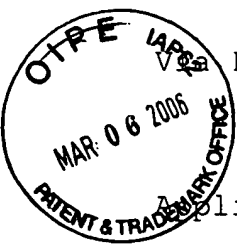
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 6,158,946, Miyashita

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/051697

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U.S. Patent No. 6,499,367 B1, Saeki

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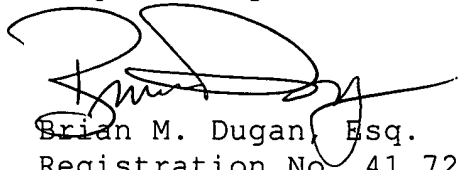
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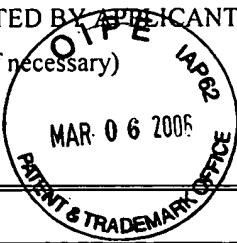
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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| U.S. Patent Documents |                 |                |          |           |          |                            |  |
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| *Examiner Initial     | Document Number | Issue Date     | Name     | Class     | Subclass | Filing Date If Appropriate |  |
|                       | US-1            | 6,158,946      | 12/12/00 | Miyashita |          |                            |  |
|                       | US-2            | 2002/051697 A1 | 05/02/02 | Ko et al. |          |                            |  |
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|                          | F-1             | JP 08313815   | 11/29/96 | Japan |          | X   |             |  |
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